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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV EMIGRE ATTENDANCE AT EXTREMIST MEETING

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IN U.S.

1. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY OFFICIALS ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 26 THAT THE CROATIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (HRVATSKO NARODNO VIJECE -- HNV) PLANS TO HOLD ITS SECOND ANNUAL DIET, PROBABLY IN NEW YORK, ON SEPTEMBER 5-6. THESE DATES HAD BEEN PROVIDED EARLIER BY THE EMBASSY ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION FROM THE EMIGRE PRESS HERE, BUT THE VENUE WAS NOT THEN KNOWN. THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT IVAN JELIC, DINKO SAKIC, AND POSSIBLY OTHER CROATIAN EXTREMISTS LIVING ABROAD WILL TRY TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN NEW YORK. IF JELIC AND SAKIC, WHOM THE EMBASSY REGARDS AS KEY HNV OFFICIALS ARE UNABLE TO DO SO, THE VENUE MAY BE SHIFTED TO CANADA AS IT WAS LAST YEAR WHEN, FOR SIMILAR REASONS, THE MEETING WAS HELD IN TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 4-8, 1975.

2. THE HNV, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST DIET AT TORONTO LAST SEPTEMBER WITH DELEGATES FROM AUSTRALIA, EUROPE, AND THE AMERICAS, IS APPARENTLY AN OFFSHOOT OF THE CROATIAN PEOPLE'S (OR NATIONAL) COUNCIL. ITS GOAL IS CROATIAN INDEPENDENCE, AND, ALTHOUGH IT PROFESSES PEACEFUL MEANS, THE DECLARATION ISSUED AT THE TORONTO DIET OPENLY SUGGESTS

IT WOULD NOT STOP AT THE USE OF FORCE. MANY INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED WITH THE ORGANIZATION WERE REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CROATIAN USTASHI (FASCIST) MOVEMENT AND THE WARTIME "INDEPENDENT STATE OF CROATIA" AN AXIS ALLY. SOME HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN RECENT CROATIAN TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN EUROPE.

3. DINKO SAKIC, BORN IN 1921 OR 1922 AT IMOTSKI IN BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA, YUGOSLAVIA, IS ON THE LOOKOUT LIST (AVLOS) AS A CATEGORY I REFUSAL. HE REPORTEDLY USES A NUMBER OF ALIASES, AND THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY CLAIMS HE SUCCEEDED IN VISITING NEW YORK LAST JULY 18 TO PROMOTE HNV ACTIVITIES. HE REPORTEDLY LIVES IN VALENZIA, SPAIN AND IS SAID TO HAVE AIDED THE KILLERS OF YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR ROLOVIC IN SWEDEN TO ESCAPE TO PARAGUAY THROUGH AN AIRCRAFT HIJACKING.

4. DR. IVAN JELIC, BORN 1912 IN SPLIT, YUGOSLAVIA, IS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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THE AVLOS. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE USTASHI MOVEMENT SINCE BEFORE WORLD WAR II AND IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE EXTREMIST CROATIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE (HRVATSKI NARODNI ODBOR) AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV EMBASSY INFORMATION, GENERALLY CORROBORATED BY USG DATA. JELIC REPORTEDLY LIVES IN MUNICH.

5. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALERTED APPROPRIATE U.S. AGENCIES TO THE PLANNED HNV MEETING AND POSSIBLE EFFORTS BY SAKIC, JELIC, AND OTHER CROATIAN EXTREMISTS TO ENTER THE U.S. THE DEPARTMENT ASKS EXTRA VIGILANCE BY ADDRESSEE POSTS AND A REQUEST BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM FOR A SECURITY ADVISORY OPINION ON ANY VISA APPLICANT YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE SEEKS TO ENTER THE U.S. TO ATTEND THE HNV MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. THESE TELEGRAMS SHOULD BE CAPTIONED FOR SY/CIC. KISSINGER

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